Under the social rehabilitation plan, 2468 houses were constructed and allotted to the widows of the gas victims besides providing initial relief measures like pensions to about 1077 widows, distribution of milk to the lactating mothers and the children, etc.

Under the environmental rehabilitation, construction of drains, plantation of trees and augmentation of safe drinking water supply was taken up. In April, 2006, Government of India had sanctioned money for a project under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) and the Government of Madhya Pradesh had sanctioned Rs.14.18 crore to the Bhopal Municipal Corporation (BMC) for providing safe drinking water through pipelines from the Kolar Reservoir to the 14 localities around the UCIL plant site. The Government of Madhya Pradesh is implementing the Scheme.

(b) The Government of India has no information in the matter.

(c) The details have been given in the reply to (a) above.

Reduction in prices of fertilizers in the International market

†1287. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that past few months have witnessed a steep fall in the prices of chemical fertilizers in the International market;

(b) if so, the extent of fall in the prices between March, 2008 and November, 2008;

(c) whether Government has decided to pass on the benefit of the fall in prices to the producers of fertilizers in the country; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There is fall in the price of chemical fertilizers in the international price, as given below:-

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(US $ pt)

Month	DAP C&F US	MOP FOB	UREA FOB
1	2	3	4
March 2008	1153.00	434.00	392.00
April 2008	1319.62	515.00	452.50
May 2008	1331.87	666.87	628.75
June 2008	1286.75	812.17	677.50
July 2008	1291.90	725.00	783.00

1	2	3	4
August 2008	1268.88	857.50	815.00
Sept. 2008	1162.75	933.75	777.13
October 2008	985.10	945.50	436.60
November 2008	654.66	917.50	254.38

(c) and (d) The producers of fertilizers are entitled to get subsidy as per the declared policy from time to time. As per policy, any benefits, if accrues, passed to producers.

Increase in prices of medicines

1288. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of increase registered in the prices of medicines during the last three years;

(b) whether permission to increase the price of any medicine has been sought from the Union Government;

(c) if so, the details of the permission given for price hike including the names of these medicines; and

(d) the details of the medicines, the prices of which have been reduced during the above mentioned period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (d) The prices of 74 bulk drugs specified in the First Schedule of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1995 (DPCO, 95) and the formulations based thereon are controlled in accordance with the provisions of the DPCO, 95 by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA). Fixation/revision of prices of bulk drugs and formulations is an on-going exercise undertaken by the NPPA.

Details of increase/decrease in the prices of bulk drugs and their percentage during the last three years is as follows:

	2005-06		2006-07		2007-08		Total From 2005-06 to 2007-08	
	Nos.	%age	Nos.	%age	Nos.	%age	Nos.	%age
No. of Bulk Drugs where price increased	8	10.26	8	15.69	9	13.85	25	12.89
No. of Bulk Drugs where price decreased	68	87.18	42	82.35	50	76.92	160	82.47
No. of Bulk Drugs where price fixed for first time	2	2.56	1	1.96	3	4.62	6	3.09
No change in price	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	4.62	3	1.55
TOTAL	78		51		65		194	